

Mary is vigorously involved in the community, including being an active participant in poetry readings throughout the county. She has collaborated with visual artists, sculptors, musicians and dancers. Additionally, she has been a professor at California State University, Channel Islands since it first opened its doors in 2002.

I am confident that Mary's talents and passion for the art will be reflected positively in her new position. I am pleased to join with the Ventura County Arts Council and the people of Ventura County in congratulating our first Poet Laureate, Mary Kay Rummel.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT
JAMES M. SHINARD, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkably dedicated and ambitious Army veteran, who has over 28 years of service to his country, Master Sergeant James M. Shinard, Sr.

Master Sergeant Shinard was born December 24, 1963 in Bolton, MS. He began his career in the armed forces in July 1985. Advancing through a number of military schools of training, Master Sergeant Shinard quickly advanced in rank from student to Squad Leader by January 1986. While serving as Team Leader, he was a part of the 1/17 Infantry Battalion 2 ID Camp Casey in Korea. As a Squad Leader, he was a part of the 155th Infantry Brigade Mississippi during Desert Storm from 1990 to 1991 and 87th Division Camp Shelby, Mississippi as a soldier during Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2010.

In addition to his active duty service with the Army, Master Sergeant Shinard performed with the Mississippi Army National Guard 155th Brigade (Mechanized) in Brookhaven, MS and with the United States Army Reserve as Observer Controller with the 3/346 Regt Battalion, 87th Division at Camp Shelby Mississippi, cumulatively from 1989 to 2003.

Throughout his service, he has been promoted four times to his current rank as Master Sergeant, promoted April 15, 2009 in the Army Reserve.

Throughout his 28 years of service, Master Sergeant Shinard has received numerous decorations and badges. Among those received are; the Humanitarian Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star), and Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device and 20-Year Silver Hourglass). His present assignment is Mobilization/Readiness NCO, 412 Theater Engineer Command (TPU) in Vicksburg, MS. Currently, Master Sergeant Shinard is also pursuing an educational degree at Belhaven University, which he plans to complete in June 2014.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Master Sergeant James M. Shinard, Sr. for his unwavering dedication and service as a respected veteran for his family, local community, and country.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF EVELYN KEISER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to rise today and recognize Mrs. Evelyn Keiser on the occasion of her 90th birthday, which was on January 12, 2014.

Evelyn was born Evelyn Cahn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1924. She graduated from Temple University with a bachelor of science degree in Medical Technology, one of only a few women in what was then a predominately male field of study. As a military wife, she traveled throughout the United States where her education and ambition for the medical field led to her employment in several hospitals and medical labs.

After World War II, she returned to Philadelphia and opened her own medical lab, which she operated for more than 12 years. As the demands of motherhood increased, Evelyn sold her medical lab and embarked on a rewarding teaching career. She joined the Franklin School of Sciences and led the Medical Sciences and Lab Technology programs. In 1961, she moved to South Florida to head the medical program at Charron-Williams College in Fort Lauderdale.

In 1977, with her son Dr. Arthur Keiser, she opened the Keiser School on Oakland Park Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale with one student and 2,400 square feet of classrooms.

The Keiser School name progression from Keiser Institute of Technology (1982) to Keiser College (1986) and Keiser University (2006) reflects milestones that include new degree programs, multiple branch campuses, accreditation achievements, and the addition of the Graduate School offering Master's degrees.

In 1981, another dream of hers became a reality when the Medical Laboratory Technician program was added to the Keiser School course offerings. Evelyn assumed the teaching and faculty development responsibilities. Under her direction, the program received accreditation from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, confirming the highest quality in medical laboratory academics and training.

More than 25 years later, although no longer teaching, she continues to advise faculty and serve as an advocate for students.

Nearly three decades later, Evelyn is still active in the university, serving as Chairwoman of the Board of Advisors. At 90 years young, and 37 years after co-founding Keiser University, she is often the first on campus each morning.

Throughout her lifelong career in medical labs and in higher education, Evelyn has been awarded honors too numerous to list, including "Teacher of the Year" and "Educator of the Year." In February 2004, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from Beijing University, citing her commitment to educational articulation agreements between China and the United States.

To the faculty and administration of Keiser University, Evelyn Keiser sets the example that all students deserve the highest quality of academic instruction. As a result, the University's top teaching honor awarded to faculty members that have excelled in a proactive

teaching approach focused on successful learning outcomes is entitled, "The Evelyn C. Keiser Teaching Excellence Award."

Today, Keiser University serves 20,000 students on 15 Florida campuses and internationally, as well as offers approximately 90 doctoral through associate degrees, and employs nearly 3,500 staff and faculty.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the great privilege of knowing Evelyn Keiser for over 30 years. She has been a wonderful friend to me. I am so happy to be able to honor her on the occasion of her 90th birthday, and wish her many more years of happiness and success.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTOPHER
MILLER FOR STUDIES IN THE
CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Christopher Miller, a constituent of mine from Southlake, TX, on studying the Arabic language in Meknes, Morocco, under the Critical Language Scholarship Program.

The Critical Language Scholarship program was established in 2006 as part of the National Security Language Initiative. This interagency effort was formed with recognition of the need for our future diplomatic and intelligence personnel to learn languages such as Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, and Chinese. It provides an intensive regimen of study at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels for both undergraduate and graduate students. The program goes beyond just language and provides cultural experiences by immersion in the host country.

It was a pleasure to receive the U.S. State Department's announcement that one of my constituents, Christopher Miller, had successfully participated in the Critical Language Scholarship Program this past summer. Acceptance is highly competitive, and so I commend his studying Advanced Arabic in Meknes. Christopher's success is a testament to dedication, skill, and hard work; and I look forward to his accomplishing great things in any endeavor that he pursues in life.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Christopher Miller on his studies in the Critical Language Scholarship Program.

TRIBUTE TO CORONA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD RECIPIENT BUD
GORDON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make

their communities a better place to live and work. Bud Gordon is one of these individuals. On January 16, 2014, Bud will receive a prestigious honor when the Corona Chamber of Commerce gives him the Lifetime Achievement Award at the organization's annual awards and installation gala at the Eagle Glen Golf Club.

One of Bud's greatest achievements has been bringing immense growth in the region. He is the visionary behind the Gordon Automotive Group which includes several automotive dealerships throughout Riverside County and greater Southern California. Bud's commitment is seen especially at the Gordon Automotives Group's Headquarters, Quality Toyota of Corona, which carries the guiding principle of delivering service that is caring, defect-free, and timely. He has helped add numerous jobs in the area which has strengthened and bettered the economy in a profound way.

Bud is not only an innovative businessman, but also an active community member and has spent his life giving back in any way he can. Bud founded and formed the At Risk Children Angel Foundation in conjunction with members of the Corona Police Department to help supply local at risk children with sports equipment, registration fees, and even basic necessities. He has also been an active supporter of the Happy Hairston Youth Foundation, where he both raised and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to help disadvantaged youth achieve their goals and pursue their dreams.

Inspired by his daughter, Bud also created a variety of educational programs to motivate and inform students in the community. He re-created the Oval Office at his Corona headquarters, forming the Quality Toyota West Wing, which has served over 195,000 students who have participated in the 2½-hour educational learning experience offered there. Bud also recognized a need for a hands-on trade school training facility, and thus, Uncle Bud's Automotive Museum was born. The Museum offers "A Journey Through Automotive History," where students can both see and feel the history of the automobile and hear from docents regarding the variety of careers offered in the automotive industry.

Bud's passion and leadership are contagious and when it comes to commitment, he makes sure to match his words with his actions. He is a tireless supporter of the Settlement House, which provides food to the needy, the Trauma Intervention Program, the Alternatives to Domestic Violence Program, and various organizations supporting local schools.

In light of all he has done for the community of Corona, the Corona Chamber of Commerce has given him their Lifetime Achievement Award. Bud's tireless passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. He has been the heart and soul of many organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

HONORING D.W. JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a veteran, Mr. D.W. Johnson. D.W. has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication, and a desire to serve others.

Mr. D.W. Johnson, a native of Cary, Mississippi was born May 23, 1947, the third child born to Kate Turner and James Johnson. He graduated in 1966 from Henry Weathers High School.

In May 1968 Mr. Johnson was drafted to the Vietnam War. He went to Vietnam in October of 1968 and he received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1970. After being discharged from the Army he accepted a job at Miller Transporters, Inc. in 1973 until retirement in 2003. He joined the Mississippi National Guard in 1974. While serving in the National Guard he was deployed to Desert Storm in December, 1990 until May, 1991. In 1995 D.W. retired from the MS National Guard after serving over twenty years.

Mr. Johnson began his political career in November 1995 when he was elected as the Sharkey County Supervisor for District Two for eight years. Then in November 2004 he was elected as the Sharkey County Election Commissioner until he resigned in August 2011.

Mr. Johnson is a deacon at Guiding Star M. B. Church which he joined in 1974. He is thoroughly involved in the community. He transports the elderly and veterans to the doctor. He is a member of the Men's Fellowship which meets every Saturday to discuss community issues. He is a member of the South Delta High School Booster Club.

On October 12, 1968 Mr. Johnson married Dorothy Mae Watley and to that union they have two children: Tonia L. Ross and David L. Johnson. He has three grandchildren, Paris, Paul, and David, II.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. D.W. Johnson for his passion and dedication to serving our great Country and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

HONORING NICK GOEPPER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Goepper of Lawrenceburg, Indiana on qualifying to represent the United States in the 22nd Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia in the event of Freeski Slopestyle.

Nick has distinguished himself as one of the world's most premier athletes in Freeski Slopestyle, placing first in an U.S. Olympic selection event in Breckenridge, Colorado and placing second at a separate selection event in Copper Mountain, Colorado. Nick's hard work and dedication has enabled him to excel among his competitors, putting him in the most elite category of athletes.

It brings me great pride knowing that such a hard working athlete will not only be rep-

resenting the United States, but also Indiana's 6th Congressional District, in one of the most treasured and sacred events in all of sports.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Nick Goepper in his selection to the United States Olympic team and wishing him continued success and health in the 22nd Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays beyond my control, I missed one recorded vote on January 7. I would like to indicate at this point how I would have voted had I been present for that vote.

On rollcall No. 1, establishing a quorum in the House of Representatives for the Second Session of the 113th Congress, I would have voted "present."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on January 13, 2014, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 12 and "yea" on rollcall 13.

HONORING LT. JUANITA MITCHELL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hardworking and self motivated woman, Lt. Juanita Mitchell.

Lt. Juanita Mitchell, a native of Mississippi, was born on May 30, 1972 in Lexington, Mississippi. She is the daughter of Mr. Jerry and Deloris Greer.

Lt. Mitchell is married to Shannon Mitchell and they have three children: Shannon, Ayanna and Tynishiwa. She has taught her kids as well as herself to study hard, pray and to excel for positive things in life to succeed for a promising future.

Lt. Mitchell received her education in the Holmes County Public School Systems, where she received her High School Diploma from Tchula Attendance Center in 1990.

Lt. Mitchell began her Law enforcement Career at the Holmes Humphrey's Correctional Facility in February 2000 and was given the duties as being a Correctional Officer as well as fulfilling the duties of being the Acting Sergeant for that shift. In 2004 she became a part time 911 Dispatcher for the Holmes County Sheriff Department.

Lt. Mitchell received a Promotion to become Holmes County Deputy Sheriff in April 2005. She attended the Mississippi Delta Community